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National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

(भारत के संविधान के अनुच्छेद 338क के अंतर्गत एक संवैधानिक निकाय)
(A constitutional body under Article 338A of the Constitution of India)

File No.- NCST/DEV-5018/TS/479/2025-RO-BHUV/RU-III

Dated 08.07.2025

To,

The Registrar
Suravaram Prathap Reddy Telugu University,
Lalitha Kala Kshetram, Near, Public Garden Rd,
Public Gardens, Red Hills, Nampally,
Hyderabad, Telangana 500004

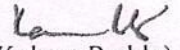
Sub: Representation received from Shri Depavath Shivaji Naik, Room No 32, C – Hostel, Usmania University, Hyderabad, Telangana regarding corruption and caste discrimination in allotment of Ph.D. Seat in Suravaram Prathap Reddy Telugu University

महोदय/महोदया,

I am directed to enclose herewith a copy of the minutes of the sittings held on 23.06.2025 at 03:20 PM under the Chairmanship of Shri Jatothu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes at Dilkusha Guest House, Hyderabad on the above mentioned subject.

It is requested that the action taken/to be taken in the matter may be intimated to NCST within stipulated time from receipt of the letter for placing it before the Commission.

Yours faithfully,


(डॉ. पी. कल्याण रेड्डी/Dr. P. Kalyan Reddy)
निदेशक/Director
Telephone No. : 011-20819841

Copy for information:-

1. Shri Depavath Shivaji Naik,
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Mobile No:9908134884
2. PS to Hon'ble Member (JH), NCST
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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SCHEDULED TRIBES

Minutes of the Sitting held under the Chairmanship of Shri Jatothu Hussain, Hon'ble Member, National Commission for Scheduled Tribes at Dilkusha Guest House, Hyderabad in the case of Shri Depavath Shivaji Naik, a Scheduled Tribe M.Phil student from Suravaram Prathap Reddy Telugu University regarding denial of Ph.D. admission.

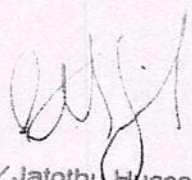
Date of the Sitting: 23/06/2025, 03:20 PM
Participants in the Sitting: As per Annexure
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Shri Depavath Shivaji Naik, a Scheduled Tribe M.Phil student from Suravaram Prathap Reddy Telugu University (formerly PSTU), Bachupally, has vide his petition dated 05.05.2025 raised serious concerns regarding denial of Ph.D. admission, alleging caste-based discrimination, corruption, and administrative violations by the University. He states that despite completing M.Phil from the same university, he was denied admission due to lack of transparency in the process, hurriedly conducted admissions in 2025, and inclusion of unqualified candidates. He also points out that aged and retired faculty have been appointed as supervisors, violating UGC norms. His RTI query regarding 19 issues remains unanswered by the University. He further alleges financial irregularities involving the Vice Chancellor and Registrar, and mentions that he has approached the Telangana Lokayukta on 29.04.2025. He seeks intervention of the Commission to review the Ph.D. admission process and ensure fair opportunity to eligible ST candidates, including him.

2. The Commission issued notice to The Registrar, Suravaram Prathap Reddy Telugu University vide NCST letter dated 16.05.2025 seeking facts and comments within 15 days.

3. The Registrar, Prof. Suravaram Prathap Reddy Telugu University, vide his letter dated 10.06.2025 has informed the Commission that Shri Dhepavath Shivaji Naik's allegations are false, as he did not apply for Ph.D. admission and provided a fake address. The University followed UGC norms, conducted a proper entrance exam and interview, and engaged retired supervisors below 65 years as per Academic Senate approval. Allegations of discrimination, lack of publicity, and non-response to RTI are denied. The Registrar stated the University upholds reservation policies and protects ST interests, and requested that the notice be dropped.

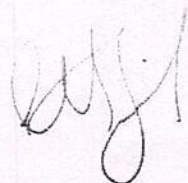
4. The Commission decided to discuss the issue with the authority and the petitioner on 23.06.2025. Accordingly, a Sitting Notice was sent on 18.06.2025. In the sitting, the Registrar and Deputy Registrar, Suravaram Prathap Reddy Telugu University, were present. The petitioner was also present. He reiterated his concerns regarding denial of Ph.D. admission, alleging caste-based discrimination, corruption, and administrative violations by the University. He stated that despite completing M.Phil from the same university, he was denied admission due to lack of transparency in the process, hurriedly conducted admissions in 2025, and inclusion of unqualified candidates. He also pointed out that retired faculty had been appointed as supervisors, violating UGC norms. His RTI query regarding 19 issues remained unanswered by the University. He further alleged financial irregularities involving the Vice Chancellor and Registrar.


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5. The authority informed that the petitioner's allegations were false, as he did not apply for Ph.D. admission and provided a fake address. The University followed UGC norms, conducted a proper entrance exam and interview, and engaged retired supervisors below 65 years with Academic Senate approval, considering that many regular faculty had retired and restricting supervisors to only regular faculty would have reduced the Ph.D. intake. The Registrar stated that the University upholds reservation policies, protects ST interests, and submitted the list of ST candidates selected department-wise for Ph.D. in the current year. It was further informed that the petitioner could apply whenever vacancies arise.

6. After hearing the petitioner and the authority, the following recommendations were made, and the ATR may be submitted within 30 days:

- a. An online grievance portal may be developed for timely reporting and redressal of grievances.
- b. It is noticed that the petitioner didn't apply for the notification, necessary media coverage may be ensured regarding due dates and eligibility criteria so that deserving candidates do not miss the application deadline.
- c. The petitioner is advised to follow the procedure and apply to the notifications issued by the University.

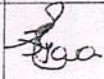
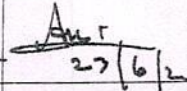
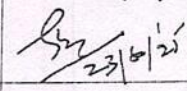


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List of participants of the sitting held on 23.06.2025 at 3:20 PM under the Chairmanship of Shri Jatothu, Hussain, Hon'ble Member, NCST at Dilkusha Guest House, Hyderabad

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2.	NCST Officials		
II SPRTU			
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	A.N. Jagadeesh	Dy. Registrar	 23/6/25
	Dr. Gaddam Subbarao	Consultant	 23/6/25
III Petitioner			
	D. Shivaraj Naik Student	9908134884	